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In re Application of:  
Michael Paul Tankard  
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DECISION *SUA SPONTE*  
WITHDRAWING HOLDING  
OF ABANDONMENT

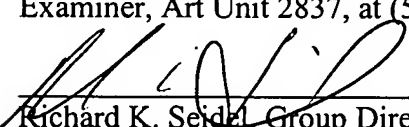
This is a decision, *sua sponte*, withdrawing the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application.

A final Office action was mailed on January 18, 2006, setting a three-month shortened statutory period for response thereto. In an apparent failure to receive a response, the application was held abandoned and a Notice of Abandonment was mailed on October 10, 2006.

Although no petition or request to withdraw the holding of abandonment in this application has been filed, the Notice of Abandonment is hereby vacated and the holding of abandonment is withdrawn in view of the fact that applicant timely filed on April 7, 2006 an interview summary with an acknowledgement of a verbal agreement that a new office action will be issued before the maximum statutory period expired and no reply from the applicant was required. The agreement is now recalled and corroborated by the examiner although no examiner's Interview Summary was made of record.

A new non-final Office Action will be prepared by the examiner in due course.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Lincoln Donovan, Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2837, at (571) 272-1988.

  
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